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WASHINGTON, September 20, 1985 -- Orders for new freight cars in August totaled 770, compared with 1,090 in July and 785 in August a year ago, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative orders for the first eight months of the year were 6,702, compared with 11,831 in the same period of 1984.

Deliveries of new cars in August totaled 1,034, compared with 1,075 in July and 1,300 in August 1984. Cumulative deliveries for the first eight months of this year were 8,052, compared with 7,615 a year earlier.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered on September 1 was 3,594, compared with 3,858 on August 1 and 6,306 on September 1, 1984. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 4,071, compared with 6,498 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 123 new locomotives were placed in service in August, compared with 38 in July and 59 in August 1984.

As of September 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered totaled 230, compared with 274 on August 1 and 225 on September 1, 1984.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on September 1 was 22,813, compared with 22,799 on August 1, and 24,786 on September 1, 1984.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	August		July	Eight Months	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
Built New by Car Builders	1,034	1,300	1,075	7,646	7,615
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	406	0
Built New - Total	1,034	1,300	1,075	8,052	7,615
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,034	1,300	1,075	8,052	7,615
Locomotives	123	59	38	373	343

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	770	785	1,090	6,702	11,581
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	250
To be built New - Total	770	785	1,090	6,702	11,831
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	770	785	1,090	6,702	11,831

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	September 1		August 1	Average	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
To be built New by Car Builders	3,594	6,056	3,858	4,036	6,404
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	250	0	35	94
To be built New - Total	3,594	6,306	3,858	4,071	6,498
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	3,594	6,306	3,858	4,071	6,498
Locomotives	230	225	274	260	165

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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